

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) In combination a securing bracket and a floor supported laundry appliance, said securing bracket comprising an angle iron having a base portion and a vertical arm, the base portion of the angle iron being positioned on the floor behind the appliance and in proximity to a pair of rear legs on the appliance, a lag screw extending through a slot provided in the vertical arm of said angle iron and into a wall in proximity to the rear of the appliance, an enlarged opening in said base portion communicating with said slot, shock absorber means connected between the rear legs of the appliance and the angle iron, whereby skidding of the appliance on the floor is prevented and vibrations from the appliance are damped, and an aperture provided in the vertical arm of the angle iron adapted to receive the hooked end of a tool, whereby the angle iron can be lifted off the lag screw.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The combination of a securing bracket and a floor supported laundry appliance according to claim 3, said securing bracket comprising an angle iron having a base portion and a vertical arm, the base portion of the angle iron being positioned on the floor behind the appliance and in proximity to a pair of rear legs on the appliance, a lag screw extending through a slot provided in the vertical arm of said angle iron and into a wall in proximity to the rear of the appliance, an enlarged opening in said base portion of said angle iron communicating with said slot, shock absorber means connected between the rear legs of the appliance and the angle iron, whereby skidding of the appliance on the floor is prevented and vibrations from the appliance are damped wherein and a latch assembly is connected to the vertical arm of the angle iron and engages engaging the lag screw, whereby the angle iron is detachably connected to the wall.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The combination of a securing bracket and a laundry appliance according to claim 4, wherein the latch assembly comprises a plate pivotably connected to the vertical arm of the angle iron and the slot provided in the plate for receiving the stem portion of the lag screw, to thereby secure the angle iron to the wall, whereby when the plate is pivoted in a direction away from the lag screw, the angle iron is detached from the wall and movable away therefrom by lifting the angle iron up from the floor to thereby allow the lag screw stem to slide through the slot in the vertical arm of the lag screw head to pass through the enlarged opening in the base portion.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) The combination of a securing bracket and a floor supported laundry appliance ~~according to claim 3, said securing bracket comprising an angle iron having a base portion and a vertical arm, the base portion of the angle iron being positioned on the floor behind the appliance and in proximity to a pair of rear legs on the appliance, a lag screw extending through a slot provided in the vertical arm of said angle iron and into a wall in proximity to the rear of the appliance, an enlarged opening in said base portion communicating with said slot, and shock absorber means connected between the rear legs of the appliance and the angle iron, whereby skidding of the appliance on the floor is prevented and vibrations from the appliance are dampedened~~ wherein the shock absorber means comprises a pair of longitudinally spaced channels positioned on the base portion of the angle iron, each channel having a pair of vertical walls integral with a web portion, adjustment means connected between the base portion and each channel for adjusting the space between the channels to align each channel with a respective rear leg on the appliance, a pair of J-bars, each J-bar having a bolt portion and a hook portion, aligned apertures in the vertical walls of each channel, the bolt portion of each J-bar extending through said aligned apertures in a respective channel and being slidably mounted therein, the hook portion of each J-bar being connected to a respective rear leg on the appliance, a plate connected to each hook portion of each J-bar, and a coil spring mounted on the bolt

portion of each J-bar coaxial therewith and biased between the plate and a vertical wall of a respective channel, whereby the vibrations of the appliance are absorbed by the compression and expansion of the coil springs during the reciprocatory sliding movement of the J-bar bolt portions in the channels.

Claim 7 (Original) The combination of a securing bracket and a laundry appliance according to claim 6, wherein the channel adjustment means comprises a pair of longitudinally spaced slots provided in the base portion of the angle iron, a pair of apertures in the web portion of each channel aligned with a respective slot in the angle iron base portion, and bolt and nut assemblies extending through the slots and apertures for securing the channels at an adjusted position.

Claim 8 (Original) The combination of a securing bracket and a laundry appliance according to claim 6, wherein a tube is positioned within each channel aligned with the apertures in the channel walls, the bolt portion of each J-bar being slidably mounted in a respective tube.

Claim 9 (Original) The combination of a securing bracket and a laundry appliance according to claim 5, wherein an aperture is provided in the latch plate adapted to receive the hooked end of a tool, whereby the plate can be pivoted from a remote location.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The combination of a securing bracket and a laundry appliance according to claim 9, wherein an aperture is provided in the vertical arm of the angle iron adapted to receive the hooked end of a tool, whereby the angle iron can be lifted off the lag-screws screw.